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DAVE CAREY BOROUGH MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Milli Martin, Assembly President

Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU:

David R. Carey, Borough Mayor Whans

FROM:

Doug Schoessler, Roads Director

DATE:

May 7, 2009

SUBJECT:

Ordinance 2009-29, amending KPB 14.06.100 and KPB 14.06.170 to require an

engineering analysis for road construction in certain areas in the Seward vicinity

The Flood Plain Task Force has been developing strategies to decrease flood damage in the Seward-Bear Creek Flood Service Area. There have been a number of road failures in the Seward area due to inadequate design and construction given the frequent flooding in the area. Currently within the road service area (RSA), the requirement of an engineered design in flood-prone areas is discretionary upon staff recommendation to the RSA board.

The attached ordinance would require the RSA board approve a civil engineer's design of a proposed road construction project in order for a road in the Flood Insurance Rate Map area within the Seward-Bear Creek Flood Service Area or Seward Mapped Flood Data Area to be certified for maintenance. Your consideration of this ordinance is appreciated.